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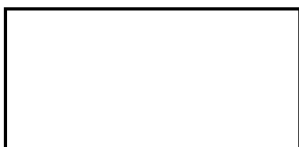
29 NOVEMBER 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: COINS EVALUATION PANEL MEETING OF 29 NOVEMBER 1966

1. THE PANEL MEETING WAS HELD AT DIA WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONS PRESENT:

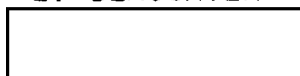
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2. THE MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PANEL AT WHICH IT WAS AGREED THAT MEMBERS WOULD TRY TO FIND PROBLEM AREAS WHICH COULD BE USED TO TEST COINS AND MEASURE ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

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A. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD MUCH SUCCESS IN GETTING A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM CIA PERSONNEL REGARDING PROBLEM AREAS WHICH COINS MIGHT ADDRESS. HE SAID THAT THE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE PEOPLE FEEL THE SYSTEMS THEY HAVE NOW ARE GOOD ENOUGH; THEY DON'T APPEAR TO BE UNDER ANY PRESSING REQUIREMENT FOR NEW SYSTEMS.

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B. [REDACTED] SAID NSA'S REACTION WAS ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE BUT FOR SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT REASONS THAN THOSE STATED FOR CIA. NSA IS NOT IN A POSITION TO ADD NEW FILES TO ITS SYSTEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE; HOWEVER, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ALTER SOME EXISTING FILES FOR SPECIFIC PROBLEM AREAS. HE SAID THAT HE AND

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[REDACTED] BELIEVE THAT COINS MUST GET GOING WITH WHAT WE HAVE NOW BEFORE WE CAN THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT ADDING SOMETHING NEW.

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4. DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE THREE POTENTIAL LEVELS OF COINS EVALUATION IDENTIFIED IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING;

- A. EVALUATION OF COINS AS A VEHICLE FOR TRANSMISSION OF INTELLIGENCE.
- B. EVALUATION OF THE ACTUAL UTILIZATION OF COINS.
- C. EVALUATION OF THE UTILITY OF COINS IN THE SOLUTION OF INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS.

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[REDACTED] NOTED THAT THE FIRST LEVEL, MORE PROPERLY CALLED "PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT", IS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD AND SHOULD POSE NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY. HE OBSERVED THAT THE REAL PROBLEM WOULD BE IN TRYING TO RUN ALL THREE LEVELS OF EVALUATION IN PARALLEL. THE PAPER PREPARED BY [REDACTED] AND DISTRIBUTED PREVIOUSLY COVERS THE FIRST LEVEL FAIRLY WELL. [REDACTED] SAID HE COULD PREPARE A PAPER ON THE SECOND LEVEL WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY, AND WOULD EVEN TACKLE THE THIRD LEVEL PROVIDED HE COULD GET CONCURRENCE OF THE MEMBERS ON SOME BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE PROBLEM AREAS TO BE SOLVED BY COINS.

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5. [REDACTED] NOTED THAT THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO APPROACH THE COINS EFFORT;

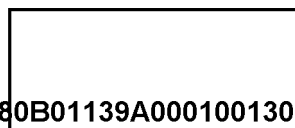
- A. PICK A PROBLEM AND BUILD FILES SUITED TO THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.
- B. USE THE FILES THAT ALREADY EXIST AND "DREAM UP" A PROBLEM.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE FIRST IS THE LOGICALLY SOUND APPROACH BUT NOT NECESSARILY THE MOST PRACTICAL UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. THE SECOND APPROACH MAY BE THE MORE PRACTICAL IN VIEW OF THE TIME AND MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON THE EFFORT.

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6. IT WAS AGREED THAT [REDACTED] WOULD DRAFT A PAPER ON STEP 4B ABOVE, AND WOULD PREPARE A CONCEPTS PAPER ON STEP 4C WHICH, IF APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE MEMBERS, WOULD BE USED TO DRAFT AN EVALUATION PAPER FOR STEP 4C. THESE PAPERS SHOULD BE READY BY EARLY JANUARY. THE PANEL'S INTENT IS TO INTEGRATE THE PAPERS INTO AN OVERALL COINS EVALUATION PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO CODIB FOR APPROVAL.

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